MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The design of the bridge has been prepared. Further progress has not been made as there is no prospect of funds becoming available in the near future and there are other works of a more urgent character.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know the estimated amount for the Kollakadavu Bridge.

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: I fear I may require some time; I claim notice.

PRESIDENT: You may place it on the table when it is available.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I ask whether they considered the urgency for the construction of the Bridge before they prepared a design for it?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: A bridge there is certainly considered necessary. But there are other bridges which are considered more necessary at present. We have not funds for all the bridges now.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I ask whether it has not been stated in the Administration Report for 1110 that the construction of the Kollakadavu bridge is one of the urgent works to be taken up in the year 1111?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: Yes. But we have no funds now.

Kannala bridge on the Ambalapuzha-Haripad road.

71. ❋MR. P. SIVARAMA PILLAI (*Minachil* cum *Todupuzha*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether their attention has been drawn to the miserable condition of Kannala bridge on the Ambalapuzha-Haripad road, as has been reported in *Bharatapatrika* dated 29-10-1112 *i. e.*, 11th July 1937; and

(*b*) if so, whether they have investigated the causes for the same and what is the result thereof?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The Chief Engineer is investigating the matter.

Alleppey-Changanachery Canal.

72. ❋MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP (*Ambalapuzha* cum *Shertala*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the length of the proposed Alleppey-Changanachery canal *via* Kavalam;

(*b*) the total length cut open and the costs hitherto incurred;

(*c*) the years for which budget allotments were made and the amount allotted in each year;

(*d*) when the last allotment was made;

(*e*) the annual allotment for maintenance of the said canal per mile; and

(*f*) why the canal over which a large amount is spent is not completed?

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MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: (*a*) Twelve miles.

(*b*) 4076 feet at a cost of Rs. 4,715.

(*c*) 1103 ... Rs. 15,000
1104 ... Rs. 13,000
1105 ... Rs. 5,000
1106 ... Rs. 2,000
1107 ... Rs. 2,000

(*d*) 1107 M. E.

(*e*) No allotment has been made for maintenance.

(*f*) In view of the general economic depression and due to the unwillingness of the people to surrender the lands free of compensation.

MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP: May I know whether the people did not agree at the time of the first construction, to surrender the land free of cost?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: Some may have done, but whether they refused later I am not sure. However, generally speaking, it was the unwillingness of the owners to surrender the necessary lands free that contributed to the question being allowed to lie over.

Recruitment of Police Inspectors.

73. ***MR. P. K. KUNJU** (*Quilon cum Kottarakara*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Commissioner of Police has recently recommended the appointment of some Police Inspectors:

(*b*) if so, how many;

(*c*) whether he has included any Muslim in his recommendation; and

(*d*) whether there are any applications from Muslims qualified to the post?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR: (*a*) to (*d*). Communications from Heads of Departments to Government are confidential and their contents cannot be disclosed.

MR. P. K. KUNJU: അപേക്ഷകന്മാർ ആരെല്ലാമാണെന്നുള്ള കാര്യവും രഹസ്യമായി വച്ചിരിക്കയാണോ?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR: ദയവുചെയ്തു കുറെ ഉറക്കെ പറയണം.

MR. P. K. KUNJU: പൊലീസ് ഇൻസ്പെക്ടർ ജോലിക്കു മുസ്ലീം സമുദായത്തിൽനിന്നും അപേക്ഷിച്ചിട്ടുള്ള അപേക്ഷകന്മാർ ആരെല്ലാമെന്നുള്ള കാര്യവും ഗവണ്മെൻറു രഹസ്യമായി വച്ചിരിക്കുകയാണോ?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR: രഹസ്യമല്ല; ആ അപേക്ഷകളെല്ലാം ആഫീസിൽ സൂക്ഷിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ട്.

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